

"*Sixth.*—If your Grand Lodge has no definite law upon the subject, and your subordinate lodges are left to their own volition in the matter, thereby sometimes causing unpleasant feelings between them, do you not think some general understanding should be arrived at? and if so, please suggest a resolution that would cover the case."

We would endorse the pithy replies given by *Maryland* :

1. It is. 2. Not unless he requests it.

3. They do not. 4. Has none. 5. They do.

6. No suggestions; and on this last also that of *Louisiana*.—
"*Similia Similibus Curantur.*"

"Never was a good hand at drafting plans to please everybody. If a plan could be adopted that would cause all the craft to recognize and perform their several duties of charity, it doubtless would be a very good thing,—yea, a *very* good thing."

A special communication was held to dedicate the new Lodge Room, June 19, in the afternoon.

From the Grand Master's address we take the following :—

"Brethren, the services we here perform are not unmeaning rites, nor the amusing pageants of an idle hour—their importance is often lightly esteemed, and soon too often forgotten. Permit me, then, to point out and impress upon your minds some of the ennobling sentiments these ceremonies are so well calculated to convey. This hall, designed and built by wisdom, supported by strength and adorned in beauty, we are first to consecrate in the name of the great Jehovah—who teaches us, in all our works, begun and finished, to acknowledge, adore, and magnify Him. It reminds us, also, in His fear to enter the door of the Lodge, to put our trust in Him while passing its trials, and as we walk through the dark valley and shadow of death, to hope in Him for the reward of our labors.

"Let, then, that altar be devoted to His service, and these rooms resound with His praises. May that eye which seeth in secret, here witness that sincere and brotherly love and disinterestedness which withdraws from the engagements of the world to silence and privacy, that it may be exercised with less interruption and less ostentation. Our marches around the Lodge remind us of the travels of human life, in which Masonry shines out as a beacon light, luring us into safe and pleasant paths. Its tessellated pavement of masonic work intimates to us the chequered diversity and uncertainty of human affairs, in which, says one, our step is time, our progression eternity. Following, then, our ancient constitutions with mystic rites and solemn ceremonies, we are to dedicate this hall to Freemasonry, which it is not for me here to specially eulogize. It is our pride that we have our